

Boxborough Conservation Commission Meeting

Minutes

Wednesday February 15, 2012

Members present: David Follett, Charlene Golden, Norm Hanover, David Koonce, Dennis Reip, Chairman, and Rick Williamson.

Dennis called the meeting to order at 7:31 PM.

Motion was made by Dennis, seconded by Charlene, and unanimously voted to pay the Oxbow Associates bill for \$487.50.

The Commission discussed updating the Zoning Bylaw W-District map or updating the bylaw itself to accommodate the wetland mapping. The Commission will work with the ZBA and Planning Board to consider these options during the coming year.

Jim Faulker has requested an update on his proposal to use goats to control invasives at Rolling Meadow. He will be invited to attend the next meeting with a plan and specifics about grazing locations.

Motion was made by Norm, seconded by David Koonce and unanimously voted to approve the minutes of February 1, 2012.

8:00 PM Type of filing: Request to Amend an OoC DEP no: 113-454BWB

Property Location: The properties are located off Stow Road and identified as Assessor's Parcel Numbers: 5-2-189-1.0; 5-2-189-2.0; 5-2-189-3.0; 5-2-189-4.0; 5-2-189-5.0; 5-2-189-6.0; 5-2-189-7.0; 5-2-189-8.0; 5-2-189-11.0; 5-2-189-12.0; 5-2-189-13.0; 5-2-189-14.0; 5-2-189-15.0; 5-2-189-16.0; 9-2-189-0.A; 9-2-189-9.0; 9-2-189-10.0; 9-2-196-0.0 & 9-2-206-0.0.

Name of Applicant / owners: Don McPherson, Minute Man Air Field

Address: 302 Boxborough Rd. Stow 01720

Project Description: A request to amend an Order of Conditions to remove conditions for work which is no longer planned in the Air Field's Vegetative Management Plan.

Applicant/Owner Present: Don McPherson, MMAF Lead Reviewer: David Follett

Review: Applicant's Request to amend memo and narrative

Business Issues: schedule a site visit; requested amendment is to reduce the scope of the project as originally described in the OoC.

Requests: there is no need for an environmental engineer at the moment unless a need is determined at the site visit. The Boxborough Airport Study Committee requested copies of the OoC and the Req. to Amend that has been submitted.

Site Visit: Saturday Feb. 25, 2012 at 10:00 am at the intersection of Stow Rd. and Tamarack Lane.

Continuation date / time: David Follett moved, Norm seconded, and it was unanimously voted to continue the hearing on March 7, 2012 at 8:00 PM.

8:15 PM Type of filing: NOI DEP no: 113-508

Project Location: Lot 3, Depot Road and located at 440 Depot Road Assessor's Parcel Number 12-6-171.

Project Description: A request to construct a new driveway and drainage in the 100-foot adjacent land resource area of a wetland across Depot Road.

Applicant: Mark Gundersen Property Owner: Leslie Gundersen

Engineer: Gary Shepard, David E. Ross Assoc. Inc. Lead Reviewer: Charlene Golden

Review: NOI and plan

Discussion: Gary Shepard presented the NOI and plan. The Commission discussed and confirmed the erosion controls with him.

Motion was made by Charlene, seconded by David Koonce, and unanimously voted to close the hearing.

8:20 PM Type of filing: NOI DEP no: 113-509

Project Location: Lot 5, Depot Road and located at 440 Depot Road Assessor's Parcel Number 12-6-171.

Project Description: A request to construct a new driveway and drainage in the 100-foot adjacent land resource area of a wetland across Depot Road.

Applicant: Mark Gundersen Property Owner: Leslie Gundersen

Engineer: Gary Shepard, David E. Ross Assoc. Inc. Lead Reviewer: Charlene Golden

Review: Gary Shepard presented the NOI and plan

Discussion: David Koonce requested a statement that the buffer zone integrity will be preserved, not cleared and mowed. David Follett requested a statement with the types of plantings and a vegetative plan. Motion was made by Charlene, seconded by David Koonce, and unanimously voted to close the hearing.

8:45 PM Type of filing: NOI continuation DEP no: 113-503

Project Location: 34 Massachusetts Avenue, Assessor's Map 11, group 4, parcel 288.

Project Description: improve the existing gravel parking area and the storm water management system; adding landscaped islands to the parking area and a landscaped area with filter strip between the existing parking area and wetlands.

Applicant/Property Owner: Julian D'Agostine, Olympus Realty

Applicant present: Mark Donohoe, Acton Survey & Eng. Lead Reviewer: David Follett

Review: Cover memo and plan dated Feb. 8, 2012

Discussion: review of submitted documents; sediment basins to be specified to lie a minimum level above the water table.

Requests: increase the size of catch basins by ~ 50%; provide a maintenance schedule for catch basins. The Commission requests that all documents be submitted well organized and error free for ease of reading and processing as a complete and comprehensive submission.

Continuation date / time: motion is made by David Follett, seconded by Norm, and unanimously voted to continue the hearing on March 7 at 9:00 PM with all documents as requested.

The Commission discussed the MMAF site visit. Dennis will request input from the Town Administrator regarding legal matters associated with site visits.

Dennis moved, Norm seconded, and it was unanimously voted to recommend a Town Meeting Warrant Article to appropriate \$5,000.00 to support the Commission's Conservation Trust Fund warrant article.

The Commission reviewed a memo Norm prepared to send to the BCT regarding the Indian Meadows trail extension and an easement. Norm moved, David Koonce seconded, and unanimously voted to approve the memo as edited.

Motion was made by Dennis, seconded by David Follett, and unanimously voted to adjourn at 10:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Rick Williamson.

Approved

Date